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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 221  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize the First Annual Gospel Quartet Awards, Concert, and Banquet, recently held in Nashville at the World Baptist Center on March 31, 2001.

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this body should pause to honor those special persons who excel at making music, thus providing endless hours of enjoyment and inspiration, and who through their outstanding accomplishments in the music industry have established a legacy that others can only hope to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Through their enormous talents and tremendous skills, R&R Productions, Incorporated, and Michael Dickson joined together to bring about an inspiring musical event, which provided hours of musical and spiritual enrichment for the soul, when they produced the First Annual Gospel Quartet Awards, Concert, and Banquet at the World Baptist Center in Nashville on March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's First Annual Gospel Quartet Awards, Concert, and Banquet was "Gospel Music Quartet: Let's Come Together, Renewing Our Minds All to the Glory of God," taken from Romans 12:1-5 and I Corinthians 10:31; and

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WHEREAS, The special guest speaker for this year's event was the Reverend George Stewart, President of the National Quartet Convention in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Selected appearances were made by Shouting John & The Spiritual Keys, Country Boy and the Mighty Gospel Kings, Dynamic Clarksville Soul Stirres, Brothers of Christ, Sons of Christ, Spiritual Messengers, Billy Hill and the Voices of Nashville, The Clouds of Heaven, Voices of Love, the Reverend Audre Clemons & The Heavenly Angels, The Gospel Tones, Harmonettes, Free Spirit, Sons of Grace, North Star Unsemble, Spiritual Echoes, Dixie Travelers, Echoes of Zion, Christian Angelics, Mighty Sensations, Ross Brothers, and The New Traveling Stars, among many more; all of these musical talents were enjoyed by the scores of people that attended the event; and

WHEREAS, Exhibiting such dedication and talent, these groups are a credit to the music profession; by lovingly singing the Gospel, they rededicate themselves to work in the Spirit and in Truth; and

WHEREAS, Enhancing those quartets that strive to be an important part of the African American culture in Tennessee, R&R Productions and Mr. Dickson's stated mission for the Annual Gospel Quartet is "to bring local quartets together for the purpose of spiritually uplifting the Lord through the ministry of gospel singing and enhancing the basic needs of the church and community"; and

WHEREAS, It is rare that a profession is blessed with such remarkable, hard-working, and gifted groups of people as those who participated in this blessed event which occurred on March 31, 2001; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the participants, award winners, and organizers of the First Annual Gospel Quartet Awards, Concert, and Banquet, join them in celebrating a triumphant event, and wish them much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.